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Inside the Republican Convention

By Charles Herbst

As a child, I can remember seeing coverage of the Republican and Democratic National Conventions on television. In those days, there was gavel-to-gavel coverage, and it was provided by all three television networks. Chet Huntley and David Brinkley presided over the television coverage with the same seriousness of purpose as they did covering the frequent space flights in America's race to the moon.

The conventions seemed like a really big deal. I wondered what it would be like to be there, and if I might get to go someday. There were big signs indicating where the delegates from each state were sitting. This was serious business, selecting the candidates for President of the United States. Yet, many of the delegates wore wild costumes and balloons were dropping from the rafters. The delegates aimed to nominate candidates on the first ballot, lest the convention become deadlocked, with the nominee to be determined in mysterious "smoke-filled rooms" away from the watchful eyes of the NBC television cameras.

Although many big newspapers send reporters to political conventions, doing so was beyond the means of a small publication like *The Boone County Journal*. But when the Democrats announced they were holding their 2020 convention in Milwaukee—just down the road from Belvidere—I asked if we could attend. Lo and behold, we were given credentials to attend the 2020 Democratic National Convention in Milwaukee!

It was not to be, as Covid-19 turned both the Democratic and Republican Conventions into virtual presentations, and once again, I was seeing it on television.

But a few years later, something amazing happened: The Republicans elected to hold their 2024 convention in Milwaukee! And the Democrats decided to go to Chicago! Instead of just one, we had a shot at two! Once cleared by the United States Secret Service, the Republican National Committee gave Publisher David Larson and I passes to attend.

A week ago, Monday, David and I set out for Milwaukee. We considered that most Americans will never get to attend a convention, and decided that our story should be about what it's like to be there. We were not there to argue about politics or bring home the message of the Republican party. There were plenty of other outlets there doing that. Instead, we wanted to meet some of the delegates who would select a presidential nominee. We wanted to know what made those delegates want to come to Milwaukee to be a part of this gathering.

Getting there

Milwaukee is an easy drive, but getting to our seats at the Fiserv Forum was an adventure. As you can imagine, Downtown Milwaukee had tight security, with many closed streets. Our first task was to collect our badges and parking pass for the car.

There were local policemen from all over the United States, as well as Secret Service and Homeland Security officers. They were all very pleasant and polite to us, but none of them had the faintest idea



The signature balloon drop ending the Republican Convention in Milwaukee

where we should go. David walked in to get the credentials, while I stayed with the car, and ended up taking an unplanned tour of Central Milwaukee. I spotted a Milwaukee policeman, and, after asking how to get to a landmark we both knew, he was embarrassed to say he didn't know which streets were open and which were closed.

When I finally picked David up, we had a long wait to get the car past the security perimeter. Once inside, we realized we didn't know which parking garage we had just paid to use! (We heard several complaints from others about the lack of information as well.) From the time we arrived Downtown, it took us nearly 4 hours to get the car parked and through the second layer of security.

Meeting the delegates

After our long walks on a hot day, we were ready for some refreshments. While waiting in a long line for some sad pizza, we learned that JD Vance was the choice for Vice President, and got our first chance to meet some of the delegates.

Not surprisingly, the people we met had a strong interest in politics and governance. Most were upbeat, and a strong drive to succeed in life. We found them to be affable and our conversations with them pleasant.

A delegate in his thirties had just been elected mayor back home in New Jersey. It was a

town of 30,000 people, about the same size as Belvidere. He was ex-military, and it was his first time running for public office. He said he ran because he felt he could do a better job than his Republican predecessor. He came to the convention because politics was like a sport for him, and he was eager to take part.

While eating, I got to talk with an alternate delegate from Pennsylvania who worked for a congressman, performing constituent service duties. Given her position, she was initially reluctant to talk to us, not wanting to speak for the party or her member of Congress, but we talked about her job and how the

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President Joe Biden when he visited Belvidere in November 2023. President Biden announced this past Sunday that he will not seek reelection to a second term.

State GOP Leaders Pass The Torch as National Convention Wraps Up

Party chair, national committee representatives all stepping down
By Peter Hancock, Hannah Meisel & Jerry Nowicki

Illinois Republicans marked a changing of the guard Thursday morning as delegates met for breakfast ahead of the final day of the GOP national convention.

State party Chair Don Tracy officially steps down this week after nearly 3 ½ years in that post, handing over the reins to newly elected Chair Kathy Salvi.

Tracy announced his resignation in June, just a few weeks ahead of the national convention in Milwaukee, citing “intra party power struggles, and local intra party animosities” that had made it difficult for him to perform the non-paying job effectively.

But his tone softened over the ensuing weeks as both the state and national party organizations focused on coalescing behind Donald Trump and bridging their divides.

In a brief final address to the Illinois delegation, Tracy thanked those gathered at the breakfast, saying, “many of you – well, most of you – have



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helped the party along the way.”

“I just ask that you keep helping the Illinois Republican Party grow bigger – become a bigger tent party,” he said. “And take back Illinois from the crazy, dysfunctional Democrats.”

He had nothing but well wishes for the person taking his place.

“I’m a huge fan of Kathy Salvi,” he told reporters after Thursday’s breakfast. “She has been an ally for many, many years. She joined our Finance Committee 3 ½ years ago. When we needed a candidate to run against Senator (Tammy) Duckworth to fill out the ticket, a really good candidate, Kathy Salvi, stepped into the breach.”

But, exemplifying the challenge facing the party in deep-blue Illinois, Salvi lost that Senate race to the incumbent Democrat by more than 625,000 votes, though it was a closer margin than the more than 1 million votes that separated Trump and the victorious Joe Biden in 2020.

The state party also welcomed two new national committee representatives Thursday. Demetra DeMonte, who has served since 2008, and Richard Porter, who has served since 2014, were both required to step down under new party rules that limit the terms of national committee representatives.

Taking over those jobs are Rhonda Belford, of Hardin County, who also leads the Illinois Republican County Chairman’s Association, and Dean White, of Kane County, who has served on the state central committee from the 8th Congressional District since 2022.

The delegates also heard Saturday from Bernie Moreno, the GOP candidate for U.S. Senate in Ohio. He will face three-term incumbent Democrat Sherrod Brown in November.

Moreno, like many Republicans at the convention, expressed a supreme sense of confidence heading into the general election, due to both his belief in Trump and the perceived weakness of Biden. The incumbent, at age 81, has come under pressure from within his own party to step aside following his poor debate performance against Trump in June.

“Think about this for a second,” Moreno said. “120 days to this election, we don’t even know who President Trump and (running mate) J.D. Vance are going to run against. We don’t have no idea. It could be your governor.”

That reference to Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker, a strong Biden supporter who is often mentioned as one of many possible replacement candidates should Biden step aside, drew boos from the crowd.

Back in Illinois, Pritzker was asked on Thursday about the latest pressure on Biden to remove himself from the race.

“I am supporting the nominee of the Democratic Party. That, right now, is our president, Joe Biden,” Pritzker said at an unrelated bill signing event in Decatur, noting he has recently campaigned on behalf of the president.

“He’s apparently going to be our nominee, he’s chosen to be our nominee,” Pritzker added. “And so, we’ve got to win, because the alternative is unacceptable for the country and for the future of our nation, you know, forever, really, could be altered as a result of the election of his opponent, Donald

Trump.”

U.S. Rep. Darin LaHood, one of just three Republicans in Illinois’ congressional delegation, also tried to plant seeds of doubt about the Democratic ticket while portraying Trump as invincible following the failed assassination attempt against him last weekend.

“Make no mistake about it: Democrats are in a freefall right now in terms of where they’re at in the party,” LaHood said.

Regarding the shooting that left Trump’s right ear bloodied, he added: “A hundred years from now, that picture of President Trump saying ‘fight, fight, fight’ with blood dripping down his ear will be in our history books.”

All three members of the GOP’s congressional delegation have now called for the resignation of Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle.

LaHood, who serves on the U.S. House Intelligence Committee, said it was “unacceptable” that the Secret Service failed to secure the rooftop from which the shooter took aim at Trump.

“It’s an embarrassment for the United States,” he told reporters after the breakfast.

U.S. Rep. Mary Miller, of Oakland, called for Cheatle to resign in a statement Wednesday, where she also perpetuated the falsehood that President Biden diverted Secret Service resources away from Trump – a claim a Secret Service spokesperson has unequivocally denied.

And on Thursday, Rep. Mike Bost, of Murphysboro, told reporters Cheatle “needs to go” and praised the House Oversight Committee’s quick action on subpoenaing Cheatle to appear at a hearing next week.

“It’s not just about what happened with Donald Trump, though we need to know that – what happened at that rally?” Bost said. “We also need to know in future that never happens again. I don’t care if it’s Democrat, Republican or independent – once you receive your detail from the Secret Service, they do their job.”

LaHood, however, also credited the assassination attempt for invigorating Republicans in Milwaukee.

“You never know how almost being assassinated will affect you, but I think it’s had a very positive effect on our party and brought us together,” he said.

But even as he praised the energy at the convention, moments earlier, ILGOP Executive Director Matthew Janes urged Illinois delegates not to leave their seats empty during the official RNC evening programming. Unfilled seats have been a mainstay in Illinois’ section throughout the convention – a drastic contrast of the raucous, matching cowboy hat-clad Texas delegation seated directly in front of them.

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More Illinois Democrats – Including Pritzker – Endorse Harris For President

Governor, Senators, State Party On Board After Not Endorsing On Sunday
By Andrew Adams & Peter Hancock

Illinois Democrats, after initially being split on whether to immediately endorse Vice President Kamala Harris’ bid to replace President Joe Biden, began rallying around her on Monday.

Gov. JB Pritzker, along with Illinois’ U.S. Sens. Tammy Duckworth and Dick Durbin, added their names to the growing list of Democrats backing the vice president one day after Biden announced he would no longer seek reelection. They join all of Illinois’ Democratic U.S. House members in supporting Harris.

Pritzker has frequently been mentioned as a possible fill-in for Biden, especially in recent weeks following Biden’s jarring showing during a debate with former President Donald Trump late last month.

But in a statement Monday morning, Pritzker said he “spent hours yesterday talking to fellow leaders in our Party getting and giving input about the road to victory in November” – including a conversation with Harris.

“Vice President Harris has proven, at every point in her career, that she possesses the skills, strength, and character to lead this country and the vision to better the lives of all Americans,” Pritzker said. “She represents our Party’s best chance to defeat Donald Trump in November, and I will work my heart out to help her do that.”

Pritzker’s endorsement follows those of other Democratic governors whose names have also been floated as possible replacements for Biden on the Democratic ticket, including Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro and Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear.

All of Illinois’ congressional Democrats have now pledged to support Harris as she vies to clinch the Democratic nomination ahead of the party’s convention in Chicago next month. Five of Illinois’ 14 Democratic representatives called on Biden to drop out prior to Sunday’s announcement.

U.S. Rep. Eric Sorensen, D-Moline, was among those calling on Biden to drop out and one of the Democrats who did not initially endorse Harris. He instead waited until Monday morning to announce that he was backing the vice president via a post on social media.

“We need a Democratic Presidential nominee who will lead with passion, empathy, and fire,” Sorensen said. “Vice President Kamala Harris is that person.”

Sorensen faces one of the toughest reelection bids in Illinois this November, when he will face off against Republican Joseph McGraw, a retired state judge. The district is on the National Republican Congressional Committee’s list of 37 districts it will try to flip in 2024.

The rush of Monday morning endorsements also included one from Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton, one of the highest-ranking Black women in Illinois politics.

“Today, I am dreaming of the future I want my daughters to inherit,” Stratton said. “Kamala Harris is the best person to take us there.”

Illinois’ state party chair and state Rep. Lisa Hernandez, D-Cicero, also endorsed Harris on Monday after not mentioning her in a Sunday statement.

“The Democratic Party of Illinois is fully committed to mobilizing our communities in support of Kamala Harris,” Hernandez said in her Monday statement. “We recognize the historic significance of her candidacy and profound impact her leadership will have on our state and our country.”

Illinois House Speaker Emanuel “Chris” Welch, D-Hillside, also backed Harris on Monday, tying his support to the historic nature of Harris’ candidacy as a woman of color. Welch said there is “no greater celebration of Black excellence” than nominating Harris.

Many are now watching Chicago as it prepares to host the Democratic National Convention Aug. 19-22.

“Here in Chicago, our mission remains the same,” convention chair Minyon Moore said in a statement. “During the convention, we will have an opportunity to show the country and the world who Democrats are and what we stand for.”

Many of the details of the convention are now up in the air as national Democrats determine, procedurally, how to handle the shift at the top of the ticket.

“In the coming days, the party will undertake a transparent and orderly process to move forward,” Democratic National Committee Chair Jaime Harrison said in a statement. “This process will be governed by established rules and procedures of the party. Our delegates

are prepared to take seriously their responsibility in swiftly delivering a candidate to the American people.”

But as far as the ballot goes, Biden’s decision to drop out will have no immediate impact on the ongoing process, according to state election officials, because the names that appear on the ballot won’t be officially determined for several weeks.

Illinois State Board of Elections spokesperson Matt Dietrich said in an interview Monday the names won’t be determined until the Democratic Party formally nominates its candidates at the convention. After that, Dietrich said, it will send those names to state election officials. The Illinois board will meet Aug. 23 to certify those names for the Illinois ballot.

Illinois held what is officially known as a “presidential preference primary” on March 19, and Biden, who faced no serious challenge for the nomination at that time, won that race with 91.5 percent of the vote.

Dietrich noted, however, that in such a primary, voters do not actually cast ballots for a candidate but, rather, for a slate of delegates who pledge their support for a particular candidate. Biden’s decision Sunday to bow out of the race released his delegates from that pledge.

Republicans, meanwhile, have been reacting to the change at the top of the ticket as well, including by branding Harris as Biden’s “border czar,” accusing the party of covering up Biden’s mental decline and questioning his fitness to continue to lead the nation.

“It’s been clear that President Biden cannot serve four more years, but serious concerns remain about whether he can fulfill his duty over the next four months,” U.S. Rep. Darin LaHood, R-Peoria, said in a statement on Sunday. “No matter who the Democrat Party installs in Chicago next month, Americans are not buying the open-border, soft-on-crime, and out-of-touch policies they are selling.”

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Illinois delegation on the convention floor in Milwaukee

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district office was organized. She came because she believed in the cause and wanted to be a part of the process, despite personal expenses of over \$2000 to come to Milwaukee. I was inspired by the civic-minded, non-partisan tone of our conversation.

We talked to a man from Lebanon, Pennsylvania who was one of many who first tried to flood us with Republican talking points. The delegate told us that Democrats lacked respect for the nuclear family, and that the 2000 election was stolen. He mentioned that Lebanon had some of the last votes counted in the nation, because of the high turnout. We asked what kind of election equipment his county used. In the past, they had used touchscreens to vote but had been required to switch to paper ballots that were counted by scanners, much like the system used in Boone County. He told us he had confidence in the fairness of the count in Lebanon County.

On Thursday, we got to speak with a few more delegates. One of the more interesting delegates we spoke to was Tina from Florida. Tina emigrated to the United States in the 1980s from Venezuela to attend school in Oregon. She became a pilot and made her way to Daytona Beach. She is also in the real estate business. Tina was very opposed to the present government of Venezuela. We asked her several times about those Venezuelans who, like her a generation ago, were trying to seek refuge in America. There was no direct answer, and the conversation was deflected to another topic.

We met another young mayor, Diesel, now 21, who was elected mayor of Edgewater, Florida, population 23,000, at age 18. He had never heard of Dennis Kucinich, who had been elected Mayor of Cleveland, Ohio in the 1970s at age 18, and went on to become an attorney and Democratic Congressman. Diesel discussed his relationship with his City Manager and City Council. Diesel is enrolled in college studying public administration and intends to seek higher office.

We also met Gus from Texas, who has a home health care business in Lubbock, Texas. Gus was born in India and wishes he had been born in the US. Drawing on his Indian roots and culture, he finds political activity important. He would like to become even more politically active, but the present demands of his business preclude it. He acknowledged the sacrifice of both time and money that it took for him to be in Milwaukee.

In a hallway, I met Marek from the Czech Republic, representing Republicans Overseas as its Vice Chairman. Marek reminded me that Republicans Overseas do not have voting delegates, unlike Democrats Abroad. Still, he made the trip along with the Chairman to be at his first convention. He reported that he was having a good time.

Catching up to the Illinois delegation on the convention floor, we saw State Representative John Cabello, who represents Northern Boone County and exchanged pleasantries. We also got to speak with former Gubernatorial candidate Darren Bailey.

Bailey spoke to us about the virtues of unity. We refrained from asking how that unity squares with Bailey’s campaign to forcibly kick Chicago out of Illinois.

I also got to speak with Rev. Donald Johnson, an African American, Southern Baptist minister from Rock Island. Rev. Johnson is an eloquent, well-versed speaker on the role of church and state in society.

The pep rally

As at any political convention, one expects boosterism, and it has to be taken with more than a grain of salt. This convention was no exception, and the assembled Republican audience loved it.

We listened to quite a few speakers at the Fiserv Forum. These included Dianne Hendricks from Beloit, Marjorie Taylor Greene, Tim Scott, Marco Rubio, Vivek Ramaswamy, Kristi Noem, Peter Navarro, Matt Gaetz, and many more. The content of the speeches constantly emphasized the “Make America Great Again” refrain, whether to make America wealthier, stronger, or safer. Little, if anything, was said of pre-Trump Republican achievements. There was little or no mention of Ronald Reagan, Abraham Lincoln, or George Bush (either of them). More than once, we were told that God had spared Donald Trump from the assassination attempt because God wanted Trump to be President.

An idyllic vision of the Trump Administration was presented and how it was ruined by the Biden Administration. Most of the speakers spoke to the same long list of grievances: America was being destroyed by illegal immigrants, who were rapists and murderers. Donald Trump had immigration under control, but Joe Biden had open borders and was letting illegal immigrants into America in record numbers, who were taking jobs away from Americans, particularly Black and Brown people, as well as blue collar workers.

The economy was good when Trump was President and not nearly as strong as it was four years ago. The United States has become weaker globally with Russia, Iran, and China menacing us. Criticism of the winding down of the war in Afghanistan was a recurrent, major theme. There was also a persistent drumbeat against diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives. There was very little humility in the program or concern for the less-fortunate.

As much as the rhetoric of the speakers spoke of unifying America, little was offered in the way of specifics other than eliminating income tax on tipped workers, but a Second Trump Administration was going to seal the southern border, have further tax cuts, high tariffs placed against foreign goods, all of which would purportedly raise the standard of living for ordinary Americans.

Twice, film clips of Biden stumbling and losing his balance while trying to board an aircraft were shown. I found it to be in extremely poor taste. We asked several delegates what they thought of showing the clip and, embarrassed, they wanted to change the subject.

Finally, for those

of you who remember him, we couldn’t help but imagine David Brinkley’s reaction to Kid Rock and Hulk Hogan appearing at a political convention.

Donald Trump

One of the advantages of sitting in the press gallery was that we could watch the teleprompter. Most of the speakers stuck very closely to their prepared speeches.

Donald Trump was the exception. The prepared speech, as presented on the teleprompter, was strong and received much applause from the delegates when he delivered the prepared remarks. But Trump continually strayed from the script and delivered rambling embellishments. Most of these ad hoc comments were met with silence. Of course, the fact checkers had a field day with his anecdotes. Trump’s speech lasted for over 92 minutes, making it the longest acceptance speech in over a century. Trump’s verbosity became tedious and caused more than one delegate to nod off.

Mr. Trump’s sermon gave us pause. This was an opportunity for him to persuade any undecided voters to elect him President. Instead, we had grandpa boring even his faithful supporters with a loquacious, endless monologue that was entirely too long. Putting politics aside, Mr. Trump, like Joe Biden, frankly, did not seem mentally or physically up to the task of being President of the United States for four years.

The speech was finally over, and I got to see the balloons drop. This time, not on television, but in real life.

The convention over, we fortified ourselves with Milwaukee-favorite Kopps frozen custard and cheeseburgers and headed back to Belvidere.

The Texas Delegate
By David Larson

If you have ever watched any political convention on television, you already know you can’t miss the Texans in the crowd. Whether a delegate or an alternate delegate, the firebrand ten-gallon hat is hard to miss. The delegate and the alternate delegate work together during a convention. Each delegate is paired with an alternate. The team will make sure that at least one of them is on the floor at all times. The alternate is a relief delegate when the delegate needs a break during the 8-to-10- hour day of the convention.

James, the gentleman in this picture is a delegate from Central Texas. The *Journal’s* mission was less about interpreting the convention’s message than discovering the delegates and how they see themselves. In his friendly Texas manner, James asked me if I was going to take his picture. I said sure, why not? I asked if I could ask him a few

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Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563. (630) 453-6960. 6746-199625 ADC

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of: TAM HUYNH Decedent.
2024PR24 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION-WILL AND CLAIMS

NOTICE is given of the death of Tam Huynh on April 8, 2024 . Letters of Office were issued on May 7, 2024, to Hillary Nguyen, who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Attorney Charles G. Popp, P.C., 215 South State Street, Belvidere, Illinois.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before January 12, 2025, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk--Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, or with the estate legal representative, or both.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY,
601 NORTH MAIN STREET, BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF Rose Uyeda, DECEASED. 24 PR 26

Notice is given to creditors of the death of the above named decedent. Letters of office were issued to Lifecare Guardianship, Inc., d/b/a Arosa Guardianship, 8330 South Madison street, Suite 90, Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is Timothy J. Ritchey, Peck Ritchey, LLC, 321 South Plymouth Court, 6th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed with the clerk or with the representative, or both, on or before January 11, 2025, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>.

Timothy J. Ritchey
Peck Ritchey, LLC (6333206)
321 South Plymouth Court, 6th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60604
(312) 201-0900
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE, STATE OF ILLINOIS
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC,
Plaintiff(s),
vs.
GEORGE ROSCH, CANDLEWICK LAKE ASSOCIATION,
INC., SUNRUN, INC., ANCHOR MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendant(s).
Case No. 24 FC 34
PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: ANCHOR MORTGAGE CORPORATION, NONRECORD

CLAIMANTS and UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Chancery Division, by the said Plaintiff, against you and other Defendants, praying for foreclosure of a certain Real Estate Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOT ONE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE (199) AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT OF CANDLEWICK LAKE UNIT NO. 4, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PORTIONS OF SECTIONS 27 AND 28 TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE PLAT OF WHICH IS RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 72-415 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Tax Number: 03-27-376-009
commonly known as 508 PEMBROKE RD SW POPLAR GROVE IL 61065; and which said Real Estate Mortgage was made by GEORGE ROSCH, and recorded in the Office of the Boone County Recorder as Document Number 2021R06025; that Summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said named Defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Circuit Court of Boone County, located at 601 N MAIN ST, BELVIDERE, IL 61008, on or before August 19, 2024, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In The Interest of: ZAILEE DEATON, minor No. 24-JA-12
Raushe Carmichael, All unknown fathers and All whom it may concern

ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on May 15th, 2024, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty. Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Zailee Deaton, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 1:30 P.M. central daylight time on 09/05/2024 and 10/10/24; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Dated: July 12, 2024
Pamela Coduto, CIRCUIT CLERK

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In The Interest of: LEGEND GANDY, minor No. 24-JA-10
Cornell Gandy, Shondell L.N.U, All unknown fathers and All whom it may concern

ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on May 15th, 2024, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty. Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Legend Gandy, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 1:30 P.M. central daylight time on 09/05/2024 and 10/10/24; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Dated: July 12, 2024
Pamela Coduto, CIRCUIT CLERK

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
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BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In The Interest of: MILLIANA LARSON, minor No. 24-JA-11
All unknown fathers and All whom it may concern
ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on May 15th, 2024, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty. Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Milliana Larson, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 1:30 P.M. central daylight time on 09/05/2024 and 10/10/24; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A

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Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Dated: July 12, 2024
Pamela Coduto, CIRCUIT CLERK
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TAKE NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NO. 2020-00149

TO: DAVID BRUCCI, JENNY BRUCCI, M.E.R.S., ARVEST, BEVERLY BRUCCI, OCCUPANTS, TENANTS, SPOUSES
County Clerk of Boone County:

Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, Unknown owners or parties interested in said land and lots.

A Petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Illinois as

Case # 2024TX22.

Property located at 1115 S. STATE ST., BELVIDERE, IL. 61008

Legal Description or Permanent Index No. 05-36-156-016

Said property was sold on 10-28-21 for delinquent taxes for the year 2020

The period of redemption will expire on 10-29-24.

On 2-11-25 at 9:45AM the petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order for Tax Deed, should the real estate not be redeemed.

TAX LIEN INVESTMENTS, Petitioner.
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TAKE NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NO. 2020-00033

TO: TRACY DURAN TR., TRACY DURAN TRUST, LAKE CANDLEWICK P.O.A., OCCUPANTS, TENANTS, SPOUSES
County Clerk of Boone County:

Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, Unknown owners or parties interested in said land and lots.

A Petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Illinois as

Case # 2024TX21.

Property located at 124 BIRCH DR SW. POPLAR GROVE, IL. 61065

Legal Description or Permanent Index No. 03-27-106-009

Said property was sold on 10-28-21 for delinquent taxes for the year 2020

The period of redemption will expire on 10-29-24.

On 2-11-25 at 9:45AM the petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order for Tax Deed, should the real estate not be redeemed.

TAX LIEN INVESTMENTS, Petitioner.
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Boone County Board will receive bids marked BCG-2024-08 for the purpose of maintenance and repair services for the fleet of vehicles operated as part of the public transportation services for residents of Boone County. Bid documents will be available on or after July 18, 2024. Those interested may visit the Boone County Website at https://www.boonecountyil.gov/businesses/bids_rfp_s.php for further details. Copies of the Bid Documents will be available for viewing in the Boone County Clerk's Office located at 1212 Logan Avenue, Suite 103, Belvidere, IL 61008. Bids will be accepted at the Boone County Clerk's Office until Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. Bids will be opened at 11 A.M. the same day in the Boone County Board Room located at 1212 Logan Avenue, Belvidere, Illinois 61008. Boone County Government reserves the right to accept or reject all bids.

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NOTICE OF AN ORDER CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGES BY THE COUNTY BOARD

Notice is hereby given that on July 22, 2024, the Honorable C. Robert Tobin entered an order that cause should be shown, if any exist, against the confirmation and appointment of the persons selected by the County Board of Boone County, Illinois, as judges of election on or before August 12, 2024, at 8:45a.m. The persons selected by the County Board of Boone County, Illinois, are on file with the County Clerk's Office at 1212 Logan Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO BIDDERS

The Boone County Board intends to solicit proposals marked BCG-2024-09 for the purpose of providing design-build services for renovations of two (2) existing buildings and an alternate bid for the construction of a storage building on County property located at 1455 McKinley Avenue, Belvidere IL 61008. This RFP is for design and construction of the project.

Bid documents will be available on or after August 5, 2024. Those interested may visit the Boone County Website at www.boonecountyil.gov. Copies of the Bid Documents will be available for viewing in the Boone County Clerk's Office located at 1212 Logan Avenue, Suite 103, Belvidere, IL 61008.

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MANCHESTER RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #5 PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that at 10:00 A.M. July 29, 2024, a meeting will be held at Farm City Elevator Hwy 173 Caledonia, IL. This meeting is to approve on intergovernmental agreement between Fire District #5 and Poplar Grove Fire District #3.

Joel Nussbaum
Secretary of Manchester Rural
Fire Protection District #5.
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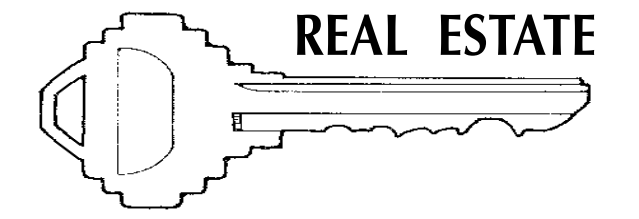
ASSUMED NAMES

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
No. DBA4201 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a GRAPHIC ARTS business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of BI-DIRECTIONAL IMAGING that its location is or will be 520 PEARL ST APT 214, in BELVIDERE, in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.
Phone Number: 224-830-7899
Jameil Jassim Al-Oboudi, 520 Pearl St., Apt 214, Belvidere, Illinois 61008

I, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk And Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do the hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: July 16, 2024
Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder
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STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
No. DBA4202 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a ONLINE SALES/ EVENT SALES OF CRAFT ITEMS business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of SHADOWPLAY DIE that its location is or will be 8463 CENTER COURT, in Belvidere, in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.
Phone Number: 262-745-8021
Laura Jane Barkwill, N2020 County Road H Lot 25, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin 53147
I, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk And Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do the hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: July 19, 2024
Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder
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STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
No. DBA4203 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a LANDSCAPING business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of GREEN VALLEY LANDSCAPING that its location is or will be 321 ROOSEVELT ST, in BELVIDERE, in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.
Phone Number: 815-540-1747
Jose Juan Medrano, 321 Roosevelt St., Belvidere IL, 61008
I, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk And Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do the hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: July 22, 2024
Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
PNC BANK, NATIONAL Plaintiff,
vs. 24 FC 18
BARBARA M. MARCANTEL, AS TRUSTEE OF THE
BARBARA M. MARCANTEL REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST
DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 2014; BARBARA M.
MARCANTEL; UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE
BARBARA M. MARCANTEL REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST
DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 2014; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants,
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at the hour of 12:15 p.m. inside the front entrance of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street,, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
Commonly known as 214 Goodrich St., Belvidere, IL 61008.
P.I.N. 05-26-451-018.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.
Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Diaz Anselmo & Associates P.A., 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563. (630) 453-6960. 6746-199625 ADC
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Delegate

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questions about being a delegate.

His response to the question of what powers delegates have in a convention was short and sweet. “It is politics.” He said decisions are made weighted by the number of registered Republicans in each precinct of a county. Those actions filter to the State Committee level and from there to the National Republican Committee. It is the National Committee that makes the decisions. Presently former President Trump’s daughter-in-law is co-chair of the national committee along with Michael Whatley.

James asked if the *Journal* could write about the large button he was wearing in the picture that said “Don’t Banana My Republic”. A quick internet search didn’t reveal much other than a clothing brand. According to James, a few individuals were arrested on the day of the January 6 riot on the Capitol Building who were not at the Capitol Building. They were charged with trespassing on the White House Lawn. He did not feel that was fair and the button was his way of showing solidarity.

James’ Texas friendliness made the interview pleasant. It took place on the floor of a political convention where every square foot is occupied by someone. People are constantly moving in and out of seats and the aisles become territory for the national news media to do on-camera interviews. While speaking with James, over my left shoulder was Judy Woodruff, the famous PBS News Hour anchor, on camera with another delegate.

Ample Sweet Corn Crop Expected Despite Challenges

By Rhiannon Branch
Farmweek

As consumers look to add fresh sweet corn to their summer meals, a couple of Illinois producers say conditions have been right for a good crop this season.

John Bartman grows 2 to 5 acres of sweet corn near Marengo which is marketed at a roadside stand in McHenry County and sold to local restaurants.

He said it will be another week or two before the crop is ready to harvest, but conditions were good during pollination.

“We’ve been very fortunate,” he told FarmWeek. “Our rains have been timely and adequate.”

He is looking forward to a favorable crop. “It’s looking very healthy and has very good color,” he said.

Farther south in Marion County, Vernon Quandt has harvested a few batches of his 5-acre crop and reported similar results.

“It’s definitely been a good crop this year.” Quandt said he sells his sweet corn at a weekly farmer’s market and has repeat customers who buy directly from the farm throughout the summer.

“We plant 11 or 12 different times, so it’s staggered all the way through the year, which makes it more manageable,” he said.

While the planting season for field corn was delayed, Quandt said his sweet corn

stayed on track, especially since it is fully irrigated. “I started in the middle of March and the first two batches went in really good,” he said. “I like to plant it every 7 or 8 days and it may have been 10 or 11 days in between a couple of them because it was raining a lot, but it really didn’t hamper me bad at all.”

He said there were a few times he planted into less-than-ideal soil conditions but knows the variety he chose has proven success with emergence and early growth.

However, the season has not come without challenges. Both Bartman and Quandt cited raccoons as one of the biggest threats to sweet corn this year.

“They’re unbelievable,” Bartman said. “They truly do live up to those masks that they have over their eyes. They certainly are bandits.”

Quandt said it is additional work and expense to put electric fencing around each of his patches, but it is necessary to control the raccoons and deer.

Aside from the varmints, Bartman said he is keeping a close eye on earworm pressure as harvest approaches, while Quandt expressed worry about potential wind damage as the tropical storm season unfolds.

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Foster Statement on Prime Minister Netanyahu’s Address to Congress

Press Release

Congressman Bill Foster (D-IL) issued the following statement on Prime Minister Netanyahu’s address to Congress:

“I chose to attend the speech out of respect for the country of Israel and its people at a particularly challenging moment, but let me be clear: I oppose the incompetent, self-destructive, and anti-democratic actions and policies of the current Prime Minister.

“While I support Israel’s right to defend itself, including dismantling Hamas and taking measures to ensure the safety of Israeli citizens, Prime Minister Netanyahu’s handling of the war in Gaza has been disastrous. The manner in which the Israeli government has conducted this war has led to an unacceptable civilian death toll, an avoidable humanitarian crisis, a tragic loss of Israel’s standing in the world, and a nearly complete failure to achieve its avowed goal of safely freeing all the hostages.

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